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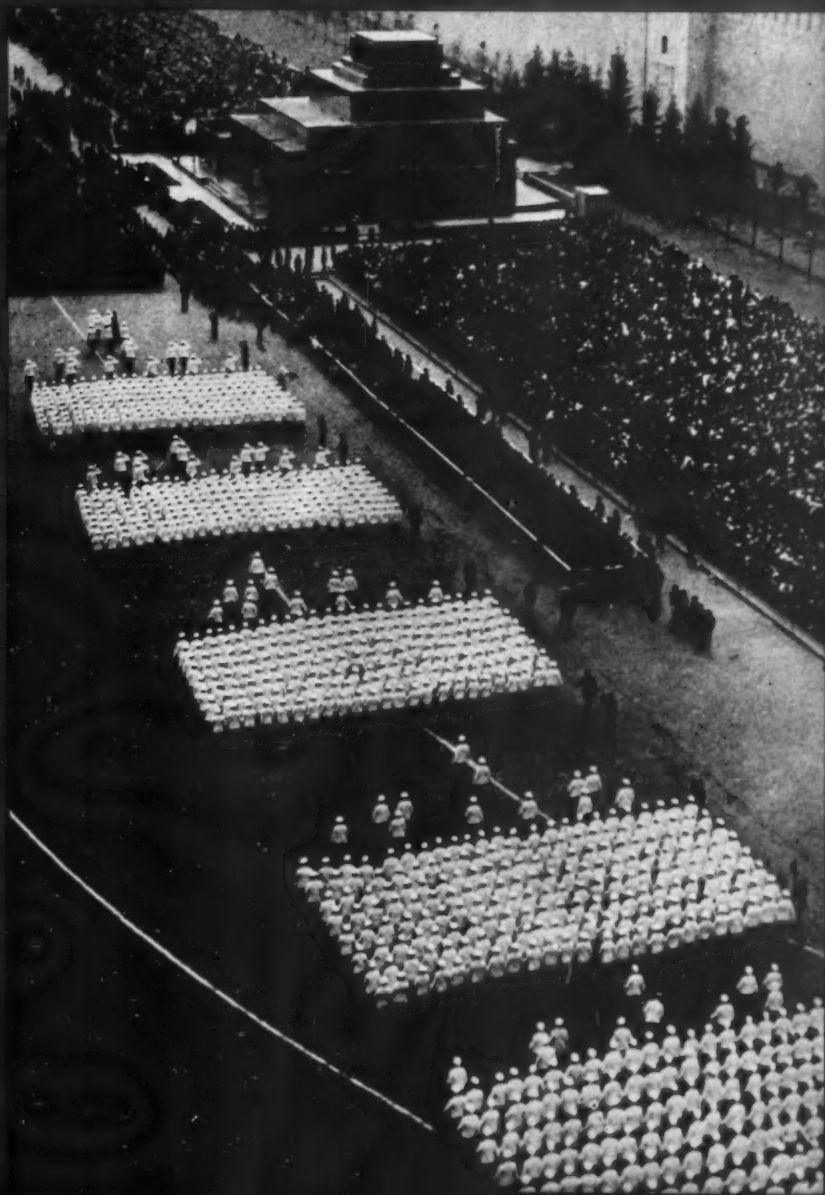
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To the Editor:

I would like to give a word of praise for a fine Church paper like the Church of God Evangel. I have taken the Evangel since 1950 when I joined the great Church of God. I like to read the Readers' Response and the healing testimonies.

HENRY F. MORGAN
Jacksonville, Fla.

To the Editor:

I have just returned from the post office with three or four hundred more Evangels which makes a total of over 2,000 we have received since you printed our letter in the May 20 issue of the Evangel. We have distributed about two-thirds of them here in the city and some along the lines (railroad) where farm people live. Everyone enjoys them very much. We want to express our appreciation for the thoughtfulness of each person and church who sent us the magazines.

At the present we have plenty of Evangels and ask that you do not send any more for awhile. I would suggest that you keep all the back issues and at some later date another missionary may write for them and you can be a blessing to him as you have been to us.

JACKIE R. SCOTT
Limon, Costa Rica,
Central America

To the Editor:

I am taking this opportunity to express my pleasure in the return of the editorials in the Evangel. You are to be commended for your wise use of variety, to be sure. However, I am of the opinion that a periodical such as ours can preserve its identity largely through the regular inclusion of the editorial—the voice of the steersman and, in a sense, the voice of the Church of God.

DONALD B. GIBSON
Des Moines, Iowa

To the Editor:

I really like the Evangel. It is a real faith builder to my soul. Pray for me. I love my God with all my heart and I love my church.

ADDIE C. DURHAM
Walhalla, S. C.

To the Editor:

In 1911 I went to the sacred altar where old-time holiness was being preached and thank God, I prayed through, came in the Church of God, won my husband to God and we carried God's Word for years. We saw many come to the Lord. We also subscribed for the Evangel 47 years ago and have been readers of it ever since. When we want to know where the meetings are going to be, or to know about churches, we can get our paper out and read. Here we have reports every week of revivals and how things are coming; we can learn when the General Assembly is to be and where it will be held. If we want to know about camp meetings we get our Evangel and the problem is solved. We begin to make arrangements to go where we can enjoy the presence and power of God for a season. When we want to hear from the faraway lands we can find out how the Lord is working in those places through the Evangel. When our friends and loved ones pass away we can pick up the Evangel and read about that. This messenger carries the news to the four corners of the world. From week to week there are wonderful sermons from God's Word that bless and save.

—MINNIE DUKE
Clanton, Ala.

To the Editor:

Your editorial in the Evangel of July 15, "Revelation by Conversation," was truly one to cause us to "stop, listen and think." I am keeping this issue near and have re-read it a number of times, receiving a blessing with each reading. The potential power of your message will become trailways up the mountain to spiritual living, if we apply it to our daily walk. I suppose you feel that you get only to first base at times with your efforts, but this article was a home run in every way, and I shall try to apply it to my own life.

—MRS. RALPH WILLIAMS
Fresno, California

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1. In the verbal inspiration of the Bible. 2. In one God eternally existing in three persons, namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. 3. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the Virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor. 4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins. 5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ. 6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ, through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost. 7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people. 8. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart. 9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. 10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. 11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement. 12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet. 13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years. 14. In the bodily resurrection, eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

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Poor

Pessimistic People



The Editor's Message

ONE MISERABLE NIGHT in Chicago, Lewis J. Willis and I made our way through snow and slush and blackness to the airport. The night was so utterly bad that we feared our flight might be grounded. However, it was not, and in due time the huge plane lumbered down the runway through the blinding snow, its speeding wheels spraying grimy slush and ice to every side.

We climbed laboriously. It was black and gloomy outside, as well as treacherous. Just as the warmth of the plane was driving the chill from my bones, we broke through the heavy clouds* that held the earth like a girdle of sackcloth. Above the clouds the air was pure and clean and the sky was fairly bursting with babbling stars and warm moonlight. Under the magic touch of the moon and stars even the clouds below became a dazzling floor of silver. The beauty of the night above the clouds equalled the misery we knew was beneath them.

Having flown so frequently in similar situations, I knew what to expect and eagerly looked forward to the moment we would break through the clouds. In like manner, the Scriptures tell me that the children of God shall be lifted from under the pall of sin and trouble that covers the earth like a girdle of sackcloth. We shall be lifted into the radiance of Christ's love and presence. This is my hope. This is my faith.

For this faith I am called a pessimist, one who can see only gloom. Many learned writers call it pessimistic to believe in and look for the return of the Lord to catch us away unto Himself. The Church of God ardently believes in His second advent. If this be pessimism, then let us be so.

One of these writers has said that those of us who believe in the second coming of Christ are a "typical cult of the disinherited and suffering poor . . . Its central feature is the second coming of Christ to establish His millennial reign . . . The premillennarians (those who believe Christ will return before the millennium—Ed.) find no ground for hope in the social process. They are profoundly pessimistic . . . Hence

moral badness and social evils like wars, famines, plagues and similar phenomena have always been regarded as tokens of the approaching end of time. . . ."

If this hope is pessimism, then Paul was mistaken, the Word of God is impossible, truth is a lie and the foundations are removed. After detailing the fact of the rapture in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17, Paul exhorted the Christians to "comfort one another with these words." In 2 Timothy 4:8, he said that we are to love the Lord's appearing. Can we comfort one another with pessimism? Are we to love a pessimistic but vain hope? The answers are as clear as the premise is ridiculous.

Now who is pessimistic? Certainly not us, for we know what we believe, whom we believe, what we expect and the surety of that expectation. Suppose someone of character and refinement should live by necessity and poverty in some hideous slum section. It would be grievous and burdensome to him. If then he should receive word that he had inherited a mansion which would soon be ready for his occupancy, would he be pessimistic because he believed the word, rejoiced in it, and anticipated the day when he would make his move? Even the question sounds preposterous. And our position is infinitely more joyous than this.

It is as Thomas Rawson Birks said in 1880: "The word of prophecy is a bright and cheering lamp amid the world's darkness. There, in those sacred pages, we behold a scheme of redemption which is from everlasting to everlasting, but which is daily unfolding itself in the history of our fallen world. The mist and darkness are rolled away from the landscape of Divine Providence, and we can trace from age to age the unveiling of God's infinite goodness, in the recovery of our guilty race to the presence of His holiness, and the enjoyment of His love. . . . Thus the
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*Elmer T. Clark, *The Small Sects of America*, pp. 30, 31, Abingdon-Cokesbury, 1937.

THE END OF RUSSIA



FIRST INSTALLMENT

By George L. Britt

"And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will give unto Gog a place there of graves in Israel, the valley of the passengers on the east of the sea: and it shall stop the noses of the passengers: and there shall they bury Gog and all his multitude: and they shall call it the Valley of Hamon-gog," Ezekiel 39:11.



THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON is an appellation given to a great battle that will be fought at the end of this age, according to the Scriptures. The name of this battle is so well known that even those who are not familiar with the Bible refer to it often. It is a well-known fact that this

battle will be fought when Christ meets the Antichrist and his armies at the end of this age and destroys them.

There is another great battle to be fought at the end of this age, that stands out just as prominently in the Holy Scriptures as the Battle of Armageddon, although it is almost unknown by the laity, and hardly ever mentioned by ministers. The place where this battle will be fought, or at least the place where five-sixths of the horde which invade Israel will be buried will be called Hamon-gog. Moffatt's translation is as follows: "I will give Gog then a famous place for his grave within Israel, the Valley of Abarim, east of the Dead Sea; there shall they bury Gog and all his mob, and call it the Valley of Gog-mob."

In Ezekiel 38, 39 we find a truth that has often confused and baffled Bible students. We find that another federation of nations under a beastly leader, Gog, ruler of Magog, will also attack Israel at the end of

the same. There is nothing clearer in prophecy than the fact that these two federations of nations led by two different rulers comprise two distinct and different groups of nations. We know by the Scriptures that the beginning of the Antichrist federation will be the alliance of nations within the territory of the Roman Empire (Daniel 7:24-27; Revelation 17:12). They are the toes of Daniel's image, that God regards as the last stage of the Roman Empire. The leading nations of Gog's empire were never a part of the Roman Empire. This one fact alone is enough to prove that these two groups of nations which come against Israel in the end time are separate and distinct.

In Ezekiel 37 God foretells the regathering of Israel. The dry bones coming to life and being given sinews and clothed with flesh do not represent a revival of dry church members as is so often proclaimed in sermon and song. It is expressly declared that it represents the bringing of Israel up out of their graves



the age. Because of the similarity of these battles and their close proximity, and in both, Israel's enemies are defeated by the providence of God, most Bible students erroneously conclude they are one and

and placing them back in their own land. After chapter 37 gives the assurance that there will be an Israel again in the end of the age, then chapters 38 and 39 give the assurance of the sequence of



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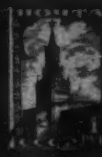
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Above: Lenin Central Museum—Moscow

Decoration: Russian stamps and headlines



events that will follow. Gog, the ruler of Magog, as commander of the northern confederacy will come like a storm against Israel, like a cloud to cover the land (Ezekiel 38:8-9). When Gog marches into Israel God has promised He will put hooks in Gog's jaws (Ezekiel 38:4).

God begins the prophecy by stating, "I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal" (Ezekiel 38:3). The Septuagint, Moffatt's translation, and the American Revised Version render it: "Chief Prince of Rosh, Meshek, and Tubal." Dr. C. I. Scofield in his footnotes on Ezekiel 38 states: "That the primary reference is to the northern (European) powers, headed up by Russia, all agree Gog is the prince, Magog his land. The reference to Meshek and Tubal (Moscow and Tobolsk) is a clear mark of identification." Dr. Scofield gives here the sum of the opinions of competent scholars arrived at after thorough research.

The new Schaff-Herzog *Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge* (Volume 5, page 14) has this to say about the identity of Gog: "A people usually identified with the Scythians . . . a stricter geographical location would place Magog's dwelling between Armenia and Media, perhaps on the shores of the Araxes. But the people seem to have extended farther north across the Caucasus filling the extreme northern horizon of the Hebrews."

Fausset's *Bible Encyclopedia* (page 445) has this to say of the people of Magog: "Mixed with the Medes they became the Sarmatians, whence sprang the Russians."

WE KNOW FROM THE BIBLE that Magog was the second son of Japheth, who was the son of Noah (Genesis 10:1, 2). Dr. Louis S. Bauman, in his splendid book, *Russian Events in the Light of Bible Prophecy* has this to say: "Josephus, the great Jewish historian (Book I, Chapter VII) contemporaneous with Christ said: 'Magog founded them that from his were named Magogites, but who by the Greeks were called Scythians.' The early Church fathers, Theodoret and Jerome, agree with Josephus. The Scythians themselves have a tradition that their ancestors originally came forth from Araxes, in Armenia. This concurs with the divine record which places the immediate



descendants of Noah in Armenia. Historically speaking, the Scythians (Magogites) must have immigrated northward in very early times." Dr. Bauman further states: "Another early scholar, the eminent German Protestant Hebraist, Gesenius, whose Hebrew Lexicon has never been superseded, says that 'Gog is undoubtedly the Russians.' He declared that 'Rosh' was a designation for the tribes then north of the Taurus mountains, dwelling in the neighborhood of the Volga, and he held that in this name and tribe we have the first trace in history of the 'Russ,' or Russian nation. Gesenius also identified 'Meshech' as Moscow, the capital of modern Russia in Europe. 'Tubal' he identified as Tobolsk, the earliest province of Asiatic Russia to be colonized, and also the name of the city wherein Peter the Great built the old fortress after the pattern of the Kremlin at Moscow. Moscow bespeaks Russia in Europe and Tobolsk bespeaks Russia in Asia. Without doubt, Russia is the only nation in the world today that can even approach the role that 'Gog' is to play upon the state of the nations as 'the times of the gentiles' draws to a close."

We find in Ezekiel 38:5, 6 that Persia, Ethiopia, Libya, Gomer and Togarmah will march under Magog's leadership. It is not the writer's intention in this article to identify all the nations led by Gog, the ruler of Magog, when he marches to his doom in Israel. The identities of the prominent ones are not controversial. Persia is easily recognized as modern Iran. Almost all encyclopedias and Bible dictionaries identify Gomer as modern Germany. Gomer was Japheth's eldest son and the father of those people known at the dawn of history as Cimmerians or the Gimirrai. Historians identify these Gimirrai, or Gimeril, of the cuneiform inscriptions as the first settlers of Crimea, and from there these Gimirrai migrated up the Danube and founded Germania, or modern Germany.

The difficulty arises with many Bible readers when they try to place Ethiopia and Libya in a northern confederacy. This seemingly insurmountable difficulty vanishes when we realize that through the centuries countries have changed names many times. Modern Iran and Iraq have been at various stages of their existence Babylon, Persia, and Assyria. The original Hebrew noun translated Ethiopia in the Authorised Version is *Kuwsh*, which Strong's Concordance identifies as Cush. The American Standard Re-

vised Version and also Moffatt's Translation renders *Kuwsh* as Cush.

The *Encyclopedia Americana* (1954 edition, volume 8, page 333) states that Cush could be in Africa or Arabia or represents "Kashshu, an old name for Babylonia."

The *Encyclopedia Britannica* (1954 edition, volume 6, page 901) says of Cush: "The exact territory thus designated is uncertain, some maintain it lies in Africa . . . others that it is in Arabia, while a third view again associates the name with the 'Kassites,' who for some centuries dominated Babylonia."

Likewise the difficulty arising from reading in the Authorized Version that Libya will march with Russia in a northern confederacy vanishes when we realize that in the original Hebrew text Libya in Africa was not referred to at all. The noun in the Hebrew text is *Puwt*. Strong's *Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible* has this to say of *Puwt* in Ezekiel 38:5, translated Libya in the King James Version: "*Puwt*; Put, a son of Ham, also the name of his descendants or their region, and of a Persian tribe—Phut, Put." So we see that Strong's Concordance does not even consider Libya as a possible translation of Ezekiel 38:5, but identifies it as a region and name of a Persian tribe. Moffatt's translation agrees and reads Put instead of Libya. This harmonizes with prophecy and also current events which is the fulfillment of prophecy. Cush and Put, countries adjacent to Persia, will like Persia, be allied with Russia when they march to their doom in Israel's land. Most of these countries surrounding Israel are Moslems. We have seen the bitter hatred of these countries toward Israel manifested within the last few years and months and in one accord they have declared their unity in their efforts to throw Israel out of the land of their fathers. These Moslem nations are looking, with ever increasing hope, toward Russia for help in their war against Israel, and Russia has taken her proper place in prophecy by arming Israel's enemies and taking her stand against Israel.

Someone may ask why the Bible is so confusing in naming the nations in the northern confederacy that is soon to come against Israel. The Bible was written for all generations, not just for our own. If the Bible had called the descendants of Magog, Russia, it would have been more confusing to generations who lived before there was a Russia than Magog is to us today.

(To be continued)

Spreading the Flame

Gastonia, North Carolina



The Reverend Fred Jump, district pastor, and the Reverend C. H. Elrod worked hard to secure the property for the 7th Avenue Church. They organized December 16, 1956, with 9 members and today they have 11 members. They have purchased their property and are working to pay for it. The Sunday School has steadily grown with a record attendance of 47.

Walnut Gap, North Carolina



The church at Walnut Gap was organized October 21, 1956, with 11 members. Sister Mildred Griffin is the pastor and the Lord is blessing her work. We are looking for a bright future for the church in Walnut Gap.

North Winston-Salem, North Carolina



Brother W. T. Nelson, organized a church at North Winston-Salem, with the help of Brother Jones. Brother Wayne DeHart then went to pastor it, and he is getting along good. They organized October 4, 1956, with 9 members and today they have 22 members.

Boone, North Carolina



The Reverend Walter Loudermelt is the pastor of the church in Boone, which was organized with 15 members on November 18, 1956. They are moving along for the Lord.

East Maxton, North Carolina



Following a tent revival in East Maxton some time ago, transportation had been provided by the Pembroke Church for a number of people to go to the Pembroke Church. This had continued for nearly two years with 65 to 70 from East Maxton attending every Sunday. On October 26, 1956, a new church was organized in East Maxton with 11 members being transferred from the Pembroke Church. The Lord is really blessing the work among our fine Indian people of Robeson County. There are from 80 to 113 in Sunday School and about 50 to 60 persons packed in one room for a prayer service in one night with 6 persons in the altar seeking God. Brother Ertle Britt is the pastor of the church now. Brother John Barber is responsible for getting this work started.

Ramseur, North Carolina



On October 21, 1956, Brother C. F. Tedder organized the church at Ramseur with 19 members. They now have 21 members. The Lord is blessing the church at Ramseur.

North Lenoir, North Carolina



After several prayer meetings, and a three-week revival in North Lenoir, a store building was rented and used as a mission; later a church building was rented and the church organized with 12 members. Today they have 24 members and the Lord truly is blessing. Brother Lawrence Carswell is the pastor and he is doing a fine job.



Niceville, Florida

On November 13, 1956, a group of Christians gathered together with the Reverend Jim B. Dooley with one purpose in mind, to organize the new Church of God at Niceville, Florida. This was done, with nine members pledging their loyalty and support to this church. They are now building a fine block building and are looking forward to a victorious future with the help of our Lord.

This is the sixth church that Brother Jim Dooley has built; he is aiming for an even dozen that he can build and dedicate to the Lord.

We are very proud of this new church and pray God's richest blessings upon it.



Yankeetown, Florida

Much credit goes to Brother Robert Burnham and his fine wife who had the vision to go to Yankeetown and pioneer a church. In October, 1956, the church was organized by the Reverend Ralph Miller, district overseer, with 17 people. Today we have 33 members. The mayor of the city gave the church a lot valued at \$600 on which to build a church. With the contributions and district offerings, we shall soon have a nice 30-by-50-foot concrete block building. The Sunday School attendance is averaging around 50, and the Lord is really blessing these fine people at Yankeetown.



Texas

The Reverend C. R. Thomison, pastor of the Church of God in Dallas, Texas, has organized his second church since the General Assembly. Mesquite was organized on January 21 with eight members. Corsicana was organized November 17, 1956, with thirteen members.

Detroit, Michigan

On December 8, 1956, a new church was organized on Springwells Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, with 10 members. The Reverend Henry Morrison pioneered this work.



Midland, Michigan

The Reverend Amos Holcombe is responsible for the work in Midland, Michigan, which was organized March 31, 1957, with 20 members.



Holly, Michigan

Sister Vera Bentley is responsible for the new work established at Holly, Michigan. It was organized October 14, 1956, with ten members.



Newberry, Michigan

The church at Newberry was organized October 26, 1956, with eleven members. The Reverend E. B. Furr is responsible for the organization of this work.



Winona, Mississippi

The Reverend H. P. Ford, Jr., district pastor of the Grenada District, went to Winona, rented a small building on the outskirts of town and started a branch Sunday School with the aid of the membership of the Grenada Church. After getting the Sunday School well under way, Brother Ford started a two-week revival, which he ran himself. At the close of the revival the church was organized with 5 men and 7 women; all of these were new members except 2 received by transfer. We are hoping to be able to erect a building there in the near future.





THE NEW JERUSALEM

POOR PESSIMISTIC PEOPLE

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word of prophecy, when received in simple faith, fulfills its appointed office as a beacon light, and leads our thoughts onward through all the changes of time, to that rest which remaineth for the people of God! Light then, and not darkness, is the true character of all the inspired prophecies."***

Examination will disclose that we are the true optimists of our day; we see the way out, we see the light in darkness, we have peace in chaos, we see reality beyond ruin. But what do others see? The renowned skeptic and cynic Henry L. Mencken wrote in his *American Mercury* before his recent death: "All I desire to point out here is that the New Testament offers precise and elaborate specifications of the events preceding the inevitable end of the world, and that a fair reading of them must lead any rational man to concede that these events are now upon us. If the Bible is really the Word of God, as we are assured not only by the Council of Trent, but also by

all the principal Protestant authorities and even by the Supreme Court of the United States, then it is as plain as day that the human race is on its last legs."

The Wartime Deputy Chief of Naval Intelligence, Rear Admiral Ellis M. Zacharias, U.S. Navy, in 1947 spoke of existing weapons that are more deadly than the atom: "There are today in the arsenals of several of the great powers other absolute weapons, chemical, biological, and climatological, more devastating than the atom. They are capable of exterminating the last vestige of human, animal and even vegetable life from the face of the earth. This is not a prediction of horrors to come. *These weapons exist. They are being manufactured right now, while you are reading these words.* They are not an American monopoly. Several nations are known to have them, to be making them and to be improving them. Furthermore, unlike the atom bomb, they are of such a nature that smaller nations with limited industrial facilities are in a position to develop them."

A decade ago the greatest historian of our day, Arnold J. Toynbee, wrote in *Civilization on Trial*: "Why cannot civilization go on shambling along, from failure to failure, in the painful, degrading, but not utterly suicidal way in which it has kept going for the first few thousand years of its existence? The answer lies in the recent technological inventions of the modern Western middle class. These gadgets for harnessing the physical forces of non-human nature have left human nature unchanged . . . The new aspect of war is already familiar to Western minds. We are aware that the atom bomb and our many other new lethal weapons are capable, in another way, of wiping out not merely the belligerents but the whole of the human race."***

Are we pessimists because we also see these things, plus the fact that the Lord has promised to keep us from "the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth" (Revelation 3:10)? No, by no means. It is faith and hope and confidence and cheer.

We are realistic and believing enough to see that very soon now "the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." But we are also optimistic enough to look, according to His promise, "for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness" (2 Peter 3:10, 13).

We are in the cold and mire of a sinful race, but will soon break through the darkening shroud into the radiant light and warmth of His holy presence. We are in the slums of an iniquitous age, but we have the sure word that a mansion is prepared for us and we soon shall claim it (John 14:1-3). With these words we comfort one another as we await a crown that is laid up for those of us who love His appearing.

****Thoughts on the Times and Seasons of Sacred Prophecy*, pp. 70-72, London, 1880.

****Civilization on Trial*, pp. 24, 25, Oxford, 1948.

Twelve Converted and Many Are Healed

LAKEDALE, N. C.—We thank the Lord and give Him all the praise for the three-and-a-half-week revival that we have recently closed here at Lakedale. Our evangelist, Brother Billy Franklin, was really used by the Lord. Twelve were saved, 4 sanctified, 4 filled with the Holy Ghost and 6 added to the Church. The revival was not one of those that has to go for a week or so before it "breaks through," but the services were filled with the Holy Ghost from the very first night. There was prayer for the sick each night and many were healed of different afflictions. One brother who had suffered for years with asthma was wonderfully healed. Brother Franklin preached the old-time message with power and compassion, not only winning souls, but also providing food for the saints. Any church will be blessed to have Brother Franklin and his good wife for a revival. Sister Franklin does not preach, but her sweet Christian character and the love she shows for the Lord and others make her a blessing wherever she goes. We were sorry to see them leave, but our doors are open to them at any time they can come back.

God is also blessing in our building program. We hope to move into our beautiful new church in a few weeks. You will be hearing more about this later. So again we say, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." —Church Reporter

Overseer Conducts Successful Revival

KENOSHA, Wis.—It is marvelous what God can do for His people! He gave us a wonderful revival at Kenosha. Our good pastor, the Reverend Jack H. Adams, invited our state overseer, the Reverend W. J. Brown, and his wonderful wife to be our evangelists. When they arrived the church was ready for a revival; under the guidance of Brother Adams, we had had cottage prayer meetings every night the previous week with the exception of Wednesday night, which was prayer meeting night at the church. Some fasted each day. Prayer and fasting unlocked the door of heaven; two were saved the very first service.

Brother and Sister Brown are wonderful with the youth. What is more precious than gathering buds for the Master's bouquet? When they bloom into full blossoms they will give their best to the Master rather than to Satan.

Under the anointing of the Holy Ghost Brother Brown brought the

messages and Sister Brown played and sang. They could be with us only eight days because their duties called them back to Wausau. However, while they were with us, there were 11 saved, 12 baptized in water and 3 added to the Church. Although Brother and Sister Brown are no longer with us, the revival spirit has continued; our pastor brings his messages under the anointing power of God and there have been 2 saved and 3 filled with the Holy Ghost since the revival.

We thank God for sending to the State of Wisconsin Brother and Sister Adams to be our wonderful pastor and Brother and Sister Brown to be our state overseer because, truly, the fields are white, ready for harvest. Pray for us.

—Edna Kent, reporter

Good Results in Virginia

DUNFORDTOWN, Va.—We truly thank and praise God for the glorious revival recently closed at Dunfords town, Virginia. The church was blessed wondrously with the inspired messages delivered each night under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. Seven were saved, 3 sanctified, 3 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 3 baptized in water, and 2 added to the Church. Our evangelist was the Reverend James I. Marshall of Sylvatus, Virginia. He preached the Word of God every night with great results and the Lord wonderfully blessed. We are indeed grateful and happy for this. We are looking for greater things as we are looking up to Jesus. —Betty J. Myers, reporter

The National Sunday School and Youth Board is scheduled to meet Wednesday, September 18, 1957, at 9:00 a.m., in the Missions-Sunday School and Youth Department Council Room.

—O. W. Polen
National Director

Good Tent Meeting in Mississippi

MOUNT PLEASANT, Miss.—We recently closed a wonderful tent revival in the little town of Mount Pleasant, Mississippi, where there has never been any Pentecostal movement of any kind. Many were saved, several sought the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and some received their healing. There were people attending the revival that were members of various churches, but when they heard this wonderful Holy Ghost minister they went to the altar and repented and rejoiced in the Lord. The attendance was around 200 some nights, which was wonderful for this little town. We are still praising God for this young evangelist, the Reverend Odell Machey. He is also the pastor of the Church of God at Collierville, Tennessee. The Reverend James Helms was the organist.

—Reporter

Church "On Fire" for God

GOLDEN, Miss.—We have just closed a one-week revival at the Union Chapel Church of God of Golden, Mississippi. Brother Curnice Whitten of Selmer, Tennessee, was the evangelist. One was saved, 2 were sanctified and 2 were filled with the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The church was greatly blessed in each service. The power of the Lord was so wonderful. The church is on fire for God. Pray for us here. Brother W. M. Estes is the good pastor.

—Mrs. June Kent, reporter



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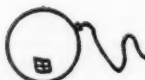
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"One Glimpse of Him Is Worth It All."

PORTSMOUTH, Va.—Several years ago I gave my heart to Jesus and He saved me, sanctified me and baptized me with the Holy Ghost. These blessings are still real in my life today and they seem to grow sweeter as I journey on toward heaven.

About four and a half years ago I was stricken with paralysis and was very ill for a few weeks. Following the stroke, I developed pneumonia in both lungs and for days I was hovering between life and death. While conscious I took inventory of my life and found nothing between my soul and my Saviour. God saw fit to raise me up through the prayers of many people and since that time I have lived closer to Him than ever before.

A few months ago I had a vision and I feel deeply impressed to write a few of the things which the Lord showed to me. I wish I could tell you just what I saw and felt, but it is beyond my expression. It seems that He permitted me to enter just into the edge of that wonderful land and there I met my Lord and Master. Oh, just one glimpse of Him is worth it all! It was wonderful to walk with Him and look upon His face. It seems that I just got in the edge of that land and as far as I could see lay the great possession of love, peace, happiness and contentment, but best of all my Lord was there. It is so wonderful to have a foretaste of heaven all along the way, but that does not compare with what I saw and felt over there. The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen could ever tell.

All along the way I saw great signs which read "eternal life" and there were unending streets of purest gold. Jesus was standing with His arms outstretched; He said to me, "This is yours," and He began to turn around and say, "And yours and yours and to everyone that will accept it." Oh, those wonderful words of life! Praise His name for evermore. Then He said to me, "Go back and stay a little longer and when your journey is completed you can come again and begin a new day." There

was a sign which read, "Eye hath not seen, ear hath not heard, neither has it entered into the heart of men the things which God hath prepared for them that love and serve Him." How wonderful it is to have the blessed assurance of a home up there where I will live on and on and never die throughout the endless ages of eternity.

—Mrs. Nora Radford
Attested by Rev. S. I. Parsons

"A Blessed, Magnificent Way of LIFE."

LAKE WALES, Fla.—I have found a blessed, magnificent way of life—a glorious life, the life that was created for man almost two thousand years ago; a life filled with the presence of Jesus, a life filled with peaceful hours as I walk with my Messiah, a life wholly dedicated to Him; therefore, He is ever with me. Even though at times the sea of life is rough, causing me to go to my knees in prayer, there in my room He calms my fears and once more I am happy in Jesus the Redeemer of the world, and I am not afraid. Then I go to my Book, called the "Holy Bible" that warns me of every danger and pitfall in this life. It also tells me of Jesus' words in John 14:27, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." And so this grace I accept with a gracious heart and in the sweetness of this peace I have found the life that truly satisfies my every longing. The things that were once so important to me have faded into the background. Now my heart is filled with plans of how I may help someone else find Jesus. How glad I am He has drawn me closer to Him that I may serve Him each day of my life. I want to walk so close to Him that when a task is to be done, He will say here is one who will go—that My will may be done—through her obedience.

How very humble I feel when I think of the goodness of God toward me! I know beyond a shadow of doubt that Jesus will walk with me as long as I trust and believe in Him, and obey His voice. How

small we have taken our Lord to be, how powerless! Many, many souls have slipped through our fingers and gone down because of our lack of faith and our failing to consider the mighty power of God. So now I pray, "Lord, I know this is Your will, I feel Your presence, and in the fear of God, I shall obey Thy voice, and I will leave the results in Your masterful hands."

I know I have had to forsake many things to reach the standing I now have with God. I know that I shall forever live a consecrated life to God. It is not just a two- or three-day affair with me now. I have counted the cost. I mean to live true. I cannot miss the rapture, not for any worldly or selfish desire. My heart is fixed on God. He is the Lily of the Valley, the Bright and Morning Star. He is the fairest of ten thousands to my soul. I must, I shall forsake all temptation that Satan uses for weapons to confuse, and cloud the hearts and minds of God's children. I must stay in contact with God; this I will do through prayer, this will I do through reading His Word, this will I do through knocking on doors and inviting those within to come to Sunday School, this will I do by teaching little children each Sunday morning that Jesus cares, this will I do because He died for me and I must tell others of His great love. This will I do by helping every other Sunday afternoon in our children's hour when we go out in different communities to teach in our members' homes—those little children in that community who want to know about Jesus but are denied the privilege. Some of them don't even know the song "Jesus Loves Me." They sit so very still and drink in every word.

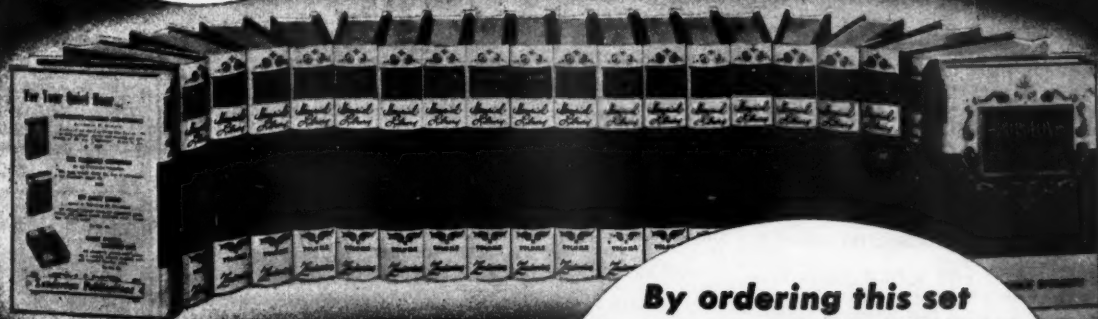
This will I do, through doing all I can to counsel our **Lamplighters** whether it is to pray and cry with them or laugh and play with them. Yes, this I will gladly do, for if through our guidance there is placed in God's army, one missionary, one minister, or one true Christian church worker, it will be worth every effort put forth. This will I do by attending church every service, through working in the church kitchen and selling that we may add to our building. But the most important thing to do to keep in contact with God is by continued prayer and fasting which gives me faith in God. I have found a new life in Christ, even though I have been a Christian since the age of nine and never really went into willful sin. I have found new hope, new courage and lasting zeal to really work for God, for I realize the only way we can reach others is by using our own talent to work for God and His cause.

—Mozelle Albritton

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Israel Seeks to Photograph Russian Bible Text

The Israeli Government has started negotiations with the Soviet Union for permission to photograph ancient Biblical texts in Russia. The manuscripts, for the most part parchments, are written in Hebrew and are considered by scholars here to be not only extremely rare but vital to the study of the Bible.

An official request has been made for permission for a team of Israeli Biblical scholars to visit Moscow and Leningrad to photograph the documents.

At the University of Leningrad, the oldest Hebrew text of the Bible—excepting the recent document discoveries at Qumran on the shores of the Dead Sea—is held. The Leningrad document is dated to 847 A.D.

Newspaper Poll Finds German Youth Not Churchgoers

Only 19 per cent of the Lutheran young people between 17 and 28 in Western Germany consider themselves "regular" churchgoers, according to a poll reported in the German religious weekly *Die Kirche der Heimat*. Ten per cent never attend, 44 per cent go "occasionally," and 27 per cent attend only on special festivals.

Figures for both urban and rural

groups were about the same, the poll said. Highest percentage of regular attendants was 30 per cent, in Baden-Wuerttemberg. Lowest was the 7 per cent in Lower Saxony and Schleswig-Holstein.

Among Roman Catholic youth, 81 per cent are regular attendants at church, the poll revealed.

Donald H. Tippet, of San Francisco, a Methodist Bishop, has traced the decline in the percentage of college students attending church-related colleges. His report: In 1836 100 per cent of the college students in the U.S. were attending a church-related college. By 1860, the percentage attending church-related colleges had dropped to 70. In 1900, it was 60 per cent. During the period from 1920 to 1947 it was about 50 per cent. And by 1954 the percentage of college students attending church-related colleges had dropped to 45.

Robert A. Cook, former president of Youth for Christ, International, speaking at Winona Lake, Indiana, said: "America faces a teen-age generation of moral morons—better clothed and fed, living in

better homes, taught in better schools and full of vitamins—but sapped by materialism and humanism. . . . America's teen-age population will hit 12,000,000 by 1960. It is now 8,000,000. We must go all-out to present Christ to this mushrooming throng of uncertain kids who need faith in Christ as a stabilizing force."

U. S. Roman Catholics Express Concern Over Slow Growth

Despite the fact that immigration to the U.S. from Roman Catholic countries of southern Europe has been heavy during the past 50 years, the relative strength of Protestants and Roman Catholics in the U.S. has remained about the same. Concern about the lack of conversion to Roman Catholicism was expressed last month by the Rev. John B. Sheerin, editor of the *Catholic World*.

"Last year," Father Sheerin wrote, "it took about 1,000 Catholics to produce four converts. We received about 140,000 converts into the (Roman Catholic) church in the U.S., a figure that was probably exceeded by the leakage. We are increasing in numbers but that increase is mainly due to the high Catholic birth rate. . . . If conversions are an indication of health, the Catholic Church in America is sick."

Commenting on the statement, the Roman Catholic weekly *Commonweal* urged greater lay evangelism. Said *Commonweal*, "If we must all bear witness to Christ and the Church, we must think seriously about the nature of that witness. Today, for instance, we think many people get a highly distorted picture, seeing the Church only as a kind of policeman—a sort of international Watch and Ward Society, intent on banning movies, burning books or boycotting stores."

Take the church to the people!
Start a BRANCH SUNDAY SCHOOL in
OCTOBER!

Surely any people so blessed as we in America should pause and thank God for the manifestation of His wonderful grace and love. We should also note the immeasurable blessing that has come to the home, the church, and the nation through the Sunday School.

It is, however, possible for an organization as old as the Sunday School to be taken for granted. This being true, the National Sunday School Association sponsors annually NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEK between the last Sunday of September and the first Sunday of October. This year NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEK is September 29—October 6. Sunday Schools, churches, and Sunday School Associations will cooperate to make the community and the nation conscious of the Sunday School.

MATERIAL

The National Sunday School Association, various publishers, and denominational leaders have prepared a list of materials suitable for observing this week. The theme this year is "Present Christ to the Community," and it is beautifully illustrated on posters, post cards, church bulletins, and streamers.

PLANNING

To help the local church plan for this important week, the materials also include a list of suggestions for early planning for this observance.

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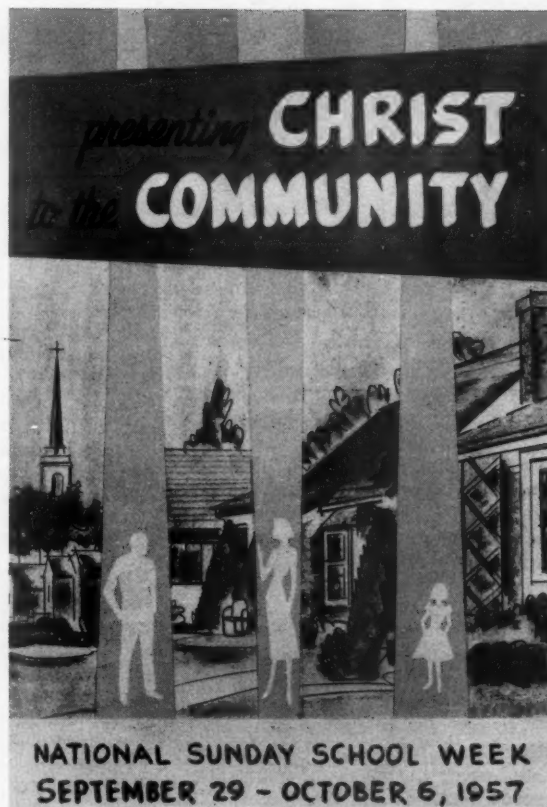
When you go into your community representing your Sunday School, have available suitable literature. Appropriate tracts are:

- "FBI Chief Pleads . . . Save Our Homes"
- "Would You Cheat Your Child?"
- "10 Reasons for Attending Sunday School"
- "3 Reasons Why"

The pastor will no doubt want to preach on some phase of the importance of the Sunday School in building the church. During the week plans should include some time when all the Sunday School teachers and officers of the church are brought together for inspiration and instruction concerning the Sunday School year ahead. Part of the business might concern the selecting of a delegate to one of the Twin National Sunday School Conventions to be held in Los Angeles, California, October 9-11, and Grand Rapids, Michigan, October 30—November 1. The pastor or the Sunday School superintendent is a logical one to send if he is free to attend.

All materials suggested in this article can be ordered through the National Sunday School Association, 542 South Dearborn Street, Chicago 5, Illinois.

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